WHEREAS, Each week countless citizens die as a result of accidents, heart attacks, and other medical crises because emergency medical services are not available; and,

WHEREAS, In 1970, the Congress extended the "Emergency Medical Services Act of 1973" to create an ongoing force behind the improvement of care and facilities for emergency medical services; and,

WHEREAS, Our State is working hard to improve emergency medical services. A majority of our cities and rural communities enjoy emergency medical services and are constantly striving for further improvement and expansion of the Emergency Medical Services System; and,

WHEREAS, The American Association of Trauma Specialists, an international professional society, is sponsoring a nationwide Emergency Medical Services Week in November, as a time to urge all public officials to assist hospital administrators and physicians, fire departments, public safety agencies, and private operators in improving their emergency medical services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 12 - 19, 1977, as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

in South Dakota, and alert all citizens to their contributions to the public health and welfare.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of November, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Seven

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

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LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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